

Rochester City Park Board

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

Attendees:

President/Secretary Alex Berlin (AB), Vice President Mitch Hayes (MH), Ed Richard (ER), Kim Landis (KL), Mayor Trent Odell, Keyton Doran

AB called meeting to order at 6 PM.

Pledge

Golf Course- Lee Cutting

Course re-opens March 1.

Lee getting outings booked up for 2024. Indiana Golf Association will have an event with us this year.

New signs will be ordered in March. 15 out of 18 sponsors are locked in.

Teesnap is updating credit card readers and working with Lee on the website up to date before March 1.

Golf Course- Anthony Johnson

Anthony waiting on asphalt companies to bid out about \$50k worth of repair work that needs to be done in the spring. Going to try to get them out here by March 1.

Anthony to bring equipment maintenance list to us next month

Parks- Duane Border

We are not ready to take down round barn at Manitou Mountain because it is part of the visual feature. Duane and crew will do a few things to make sure it stays open and is maybe less likely for malfeasance.

Duane will hire two full time and one part time parks employees. No more weed spraying, these employees will focus on mowing, weeding, trash, cleanup and getting the parks back in great condition.

Beach Project

Applying for permits for a new base.

Overall we believe we can make improvements to the grass area without having DNR issues.

Street department bought a landscape rake so that worst case scenario we could do clean up.

Pool- Duane Border and Ethan Trottier

Tree line to the South of the pool is being cleaned up for aesthetics and to clean up drain area

Advertising for life guards will happen before spring break

Duane will repair the kiddie pool for one more year. We will put a plan for the following year into our long term planning.

Ethan is going to manage opening up concessions again. Park board will hire dedicated employees, hold insurance, buy supplies, etc. Ethan will go to board of health. We are not going to keep the vending machines. All money controls will operate just like pool money controls.

Summer Parks Program- Lindsay Barts- Director

Parks program will run June 10 to June 28

Lindsay presented a formal budget. Motion to raise budget by \$1000 to \$12,000 and apply for \$5,000 grant through NICF made KL and seconded by ER. All approved

Abigail Cronan has been hired as Assistant Director. Other helpers will be recruited this week.

Miscellaneous

We need to get back to a 5 year parks plan. Amy Roe will bring potential planners to next meeting. PlayPros also has contacts for this and has experience with grant funding. Overall this year feels like a maintenance and planning year.

PlayPros of Kokomo, Indiana presented on everything playground and splash pad related.

Rob Hartley presented on behalf of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to request use of the City Park and main pavilion on July 10, 2024. There will be worship, prayer, and then a walk to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

KL to look into reliving costs to add second level to round barn. This is most likely several years off but we need a general idea on budget

KL to bring a disc golfer in who is connected to a tournament network. He will provide us feedback on what it takes to get involved in tournaments.

MH moves to adjourn. ER seconded All approved.

Next meeting is Mar. 11th, 2024 at 6 PM at City Hall